

Summer Reading List 2010

Entering Grades 3 and 4



13 Treasures

Harrison, Michelle Pgs: 355 Lexile: 0

Bedeviled by evil fairies that only she can see, thirteen-year-old Tanya is sent to stay with her cold and distant grandmother at Elveden Manor, where she and the caretaker's son solve a disturbing mystery that leads them to the discovery that Tanya's life is in danger.



Birthday Ball

Lowry, Lois Pgs: 186 Lexile: 0

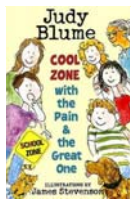
When a bored Princess Patricia Priscilla makes her chambermaid switch identities with her so she can attend the village school, her attitude changes and she plans a new way to celebrate her sixteenth birthday.



Guinea Dog

Jennings, Patrick Pgs: 183 Lexile: 0

When his mother brings home a guinea pig instead of the dog he has always wanted, fifth-grader Rufus is not happy--until the rodent starts acting exactly like a dog.



Cool Zone with Pain and the Great One (series)

Blume, Judy Pgs: 109 Lexile: 370

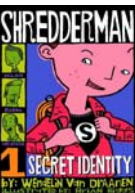
More adventures at school and at home with Jake, a first-grader, and his older sister Abigail, known to each other as the Pain and the Great One.



Ivy and Bean (series)

Barrows, Annie Pgs: 113 Lexile: 510

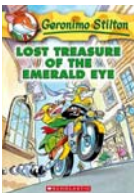
When 7-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.



Secret Identity (Book 1: Shredderman)

Van Draanen, Wendelin Pgs: 138 Lexile: 520

Fifth-grader Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity--Shredderman!



Geronimo Stilton: Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye (series)

Stilton, Geronimo Pgs: 116 Lexile: 530

Newspaper editor and adventure author Geronimo Stilton--who is also a mouse--gets roped into his sister Thea's treasure hunt on a remote island after she discovers an intriguing old map.



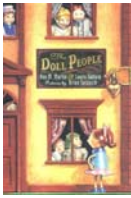
Mallory on the Move (series)

Friedman, Laurie Pgs: 158 Lexile: 550

After moving to a new town, eight-year-old Mallory keeps throwing stones in the "Wishing Pond" but things will not go back to the way they were before, and she remains torn between old and new best friends.

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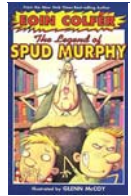
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Doll People (series)

Martin, Ann M. Pgs: 256 Lexile: 570

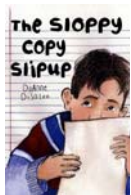
A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.



Legend of Spud Murphy (series)

Colfer, Eoin Pgs: 95 Lexile: 580

Brothers Will and Marty have been ordered to spend their summer at the library, under the supervision of the terrifying librarian, surrounded by row after row of books they're sure will bore them silly. Will the brothers figure out a way to survive a summer marooned on the carpet of Spud's children's section?



Sloppy Copy Slip-Up (MHL Nominee 2010-11)

DiSalvo, Dyanne Pgs: 103 Lexile: 590

Fourth-grader, Brian Higman, worries about how his teacher Miss Fromme will react when he fails to hand in a writing assignment; but he ends up being able to tell his story after all.



Gooney Bird Greene (series)

Lowry, Lois Pgs: 88 Lexile: 590

A most unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name.



Night Fairy

Schlitz, Laura Amy Pgs: 117 Lexile: 630

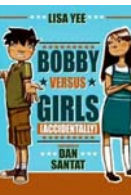
When Flory the night fairy's wings are accidentally broken and she cannot fly, she has to learn to do everything differently.



Lemonade War (MHL Nominee 2010-11)

Davies, Jacqueline Pgs: 173 Lexile: 630

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for 4th grade and as summer's end approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars.



Bobby vs. Girls (Accidentally)

Yee, Lisa Pgs: 170 Lexile: 650

Bobby inadvertently gets into a fight with his best friend Holly, and their disagreement develops into a boys versus girls war involving their whole fourth-grade class.



Little Secret

Saunders, Kate Pgs: 231 Lexile: 680

Jane travels to a remote region of Scotland to spend the summer with her new friend Staffa, but her vacation takes a mysterious turn when Jane finds herself irresistibly drawn to a glowing box she has been warned not to touch and the magical world found inside the castle walls.

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Champ (MHL 1st Place 2010)

Jones, Marcia Thornton Pgs: 187 Lexile: 690

Riley struggles to make his father proud, despite his poor athletic abilities, but when he meets Champ, a three-legged former show dog, Riley learns that winning doesn't always have to mean coming in first.



Fablehaven (series)

Mull, Brandon Pgs: 351 Lexile: 700

Kendra and Seth find themselves in the midst of a battle between good and evil when they visit their grandparents' estate and discover that it is a sanctuary for magical creatures.



Zoobreak

Korman, Gordon Pgs: 230 Lexile: 700

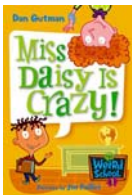
After a class trip to a floating zoo where animals are mistreated and Savannah's missing pet monkey is found in a cage, Long Island sixth-grader Griffin Bing and his band of misfits plan a rescue.



How to Steal a Dog (MHL Nominee 2010-11)

O'Connor, Barbara Pgs: 170 Lexile: 700

Living in the family car after their father leaves them virtually penniless, Georgina, desperate to improve their situation, persuades her younger brother to help her in a scheme to get money by stealing a dog and then claiming the reward that the owners are bound to offer.



My Weird School: Miss Daisy is Crazy (series)

Gutman, Dan Pgs: 83 Lexile: 700

Miss Daisy's unusual teaching methods surprise her second grade students, especially reluctant learner A.J.



Franny K. Stein: Lunch Walks Among Us (series)

Benton, Jim Pgs: 102 Lexile: 710

Franny K. Stein is a mad scientist who prefers all things spooky and creepy, but when she has trouble making friends at her new school she experiments with fitting in--which works until a monster erupts from the trashcan.



One Handed Catch (MHL nominee 2010-11)

Auch, Mary Jane Pgs: 248 Lexile: 710

After losing his hand in an accident in his father's butcher shop in 1946, sixth-grader Norman uses hard work and humor to learn to live with his disability and to succeed at baseball, art, and other activities.



Swindle

Korman, Gordon Pgs: 252 Lexile: 710

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palamino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, 6th grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the Smart Pick fruit picker.

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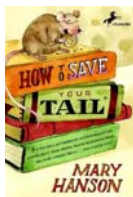
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Big One-Oh

Pitchford, Dean Pgs: 181 Lexile: 750

Determined not to be weird all his life like his neighbor, Charley Maplewood decides to throw himself a 10th birthday party, complete with a "house of horrors" theme, but first he will have to make some friends to invite.



How to Save Your Tail (MHL Nominee 2010-11)

Hanson, Mary Elizabeth Pgs: 93 Lexile: 760

Bob the rat is captured by two of the queen's cats and survives by sharing fresh-baked cookies and stories of his ancestors, whose escapades are similar to those of fairy-tale heroes.



Secret of Zoom

Jonell, Lynne Pgs: 291 Lexile: 770

10-year-old Christina lives a sheltered life until she discovers a secret tunnel, an evil plot to enslave orphans, and a mysterious source of energy known as zoom.



Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat

Jonell, Lynne Pgs: 352 Lexile: 780

When Emmy discovers that she and her formerly loving parents are being drugged by their evil nanny with rodent potions that can change people in frightening ways, she and some new friends must try everything possible to return things to normal.



Clementine (MHL 3rd Place 2010)

Pennypacker, Sara Pgs: 133 Lexile: 790

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.



Julia Gillian

McGhee, Alison Pgs: 280 Lexile: 810

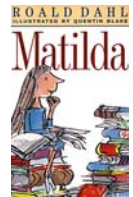
Nine-year-old Julia Gillian learns a lot about facing fear as she and her St. Bernard, Bigfoot, take long walks through their Minneapolis neighborhood one hot summer, and she seeks the courage to finish a book that could have an unhappy ending.



No Talking (MHL Nominee 2010-11)

Clements, Andrew Pgs: 146 Lexile: 820

The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.



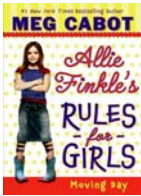
Matilda

Dahl, Roald Pgs: 240 Lexile: 840

Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.

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Moving Day: Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls (series)

Cabot, Meg Pgs: 228 Lexile: 850

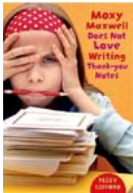
9-year-old Allie Finkle has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules.



Falling In

Dowell, Frances Pgs: 245 Lexile: 850

Middle-schooler Isabelle Bean follows a mouse's squeak into a closet and falls into a parallel universe where the children believe she is the witch they have feared for years, finally come to devour them.



Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Writing Thank-You Notes (series)

Gifford, Peggy Pgs: 159 Lexile: 870

10-year-old Moxy Maxwell has promised to write twelve thank-you notes by the day after Christmas so that she and her twin brother Mark can go to Hollywood to visit their father, but all her brilliant ideas to help finish the task more efficiently end up creating chaos in the house.



Oggie Cooder

Weeks, Sarah Pgs: 176 Lexile: 880

Quirky 4th-grader Oggie Cooder goes from being shunned to everyone's best friend when his uncanny ability to chew slices of cheese into the shapes of states wins him a slot on a popular television talent show, but he soon learns the perils of being a celebrity - and having a neighbor girl as his manager.



Just Grace (series)

Harper, Charise Mericle Pgs: 138 Lexile: 1060

Misnamed by her teacher, seven-year-old Just Grace prides herself on being empathetic, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire.



Lucy Rose: Here's the Thing About Me (series)

Kelly, Katy Pgs: 137 Lexile: 1190

Eight-year-old Lucy Rose keeps a diary of her first year in Washington, D.C., where she spends time with her grandparents, makes new friends, and longs to convince her teacher to let her take care of the class pet during a holiday.